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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003 (Paper No. 9), Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Group A, Claims 1-26 for continued examination.

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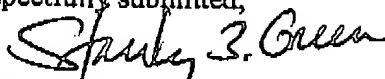
- A. Claims 1-26, drawn to method for implementing an auction, classified in Class 705, Subclass 37.; and
- B. Claims 27-32, drawn to method for manipulating the clearing agreement, classified in Class 705, Subclass 1.

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